

more than one official capacity of office at the same time, unless the town shall have fixed a different compensation at the annual town meeting.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 3, 1869.

CHAPTER 72.

[Published March 9, 1869.]

AN ACT in relation to evidence in criminal prosecutions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

Persons charg'd
with crime may
give evidence
in their own be-
half.

SECTION 1. In the trial of all indictments, complaints and other proceedings against persons charged with the commission of crimes or offences, the person so charged shall at his own request, but not otherwise, be deemed a competent witness, nor shall the neglect or refusal to testify create any presumption against the defendant.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1869.

CHAPTER 73.

[Published March 23, 1869.]

AN ACT to authorize the appointment of phonographic reporters for the circuit court for the county of Walworth.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

Judge may ap-
point phono-
graphic report-
ers.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the judge of the circuit court for the county of Walworth, to appoint